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CITY AWARDS \$100,947 IN GRANTS TO 12 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard along with Department of Metropolitan Development Director Maury Plambeck, Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry and other city officials today announced this year's recipients of the Summer Youth Program Fund.

The City of Indianapolis is awarding \$100,947 in community block grants to 12 local agencies that provide enrichment opportunities for youth. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded these grants to the Department of Metropolitan Development.

Recently Phoenix became the only other city in the country to use these funds in this way. The Summer Youth Program Fund was established in Marion County in 1995 by the Indianapolis Foundation and Lilly Endowment Inc. This is the 14th year that the City of Indianapolis is participating in the Summer Youth Program Fund.

Thanks to these grants, nearly 1,500 youth between the ages of 4 and 19 will get the chance to participate in recreational, cultural and educational activities. Among these programs are summer camps, art enrichment, and educational development.

“This is a great opportunity for the youth of Marion County,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “We are so excited to continue participating in the Summer Youth Program Fund. As a city, it is our responsibility to provide all the resources we have to offer to help our young people succeed now and in the future.”

The city's 12 award recipients are:

1. Community Alliance of the Far Eastside – \$15,000

This summer enrichment camp serving 105 youth ages 4 to 13 includes college and career exploration opportunities for ages 13 to 16.

2. Young Audiences of Indiana – \$15,000

The summer arts camp for 350 youth ages 4-16 utilizes professional artists to engage underprivileged children in self-expression and arts performance training.

3. La Plaza – \$13,000

This summer enrichment camp for 100 youth ages 4 to 13 places heavy emphasis on college and career exploration and leadership development.

4. Edna Martin Christian Center – \$9,500

This summer camp for 85 children ages 4 to 19 includes a focus on servant leadership and training youth leaders.

5. Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center – \$9,000

This summer enrichment camp for 165 youth ages 4 to 16 includes leadership training and financial literacy education.

6. Fay B. Glick Neighborhood Center – \$8,500

This summer enrichment camp for 159 children ages 4 to 19 teaches music, drama, and dance as means of self-expression.

7. Coburn Place Safe Haven – \$6,000

This summer camp is for 30 children, ages 4 to 16, living in domestic violence transition shelter. It offers opportunities such as horseback riding that are meant to inspire hope and provide outlets.

8. Concord Neighborhood Center – \$5,741

This summer enrichment camp for 170 youth ages 4 to 16 includes a focus on science, math, and physical fitness opportunities.

9. Forest Manor Multi-Service Center – \$5,000

This summer enrichment camp for 150 youth ages 4 to 16 includes pregnancy prevention education for teenagers.

10. John H. Boner Center – \$5,000

This summer camp focusing on education enhancement opportunities for 20 youth ages 9 to 16 includes Native American cultural education.

11. Flanner House – \$4,800

This summer enrichment camp for 103 youth ages 4 to 19 features “green” education meant to boost science scores on the ISTEP.

12. East 10th United Methodist Children & Youth Center – \$4,406

This summer enrichment camp for 80 youth ages 6 to 16 includes certified teachers and college students who work with the Center for Urban Ecology to promote environmentally friendly practices.

The City of Indianapolis joins nine other local funders who have awarded more than \$2.2 million to more than 170 youth programs this year. These organizations partnering with the City of Indianapolis are: The Clowes Fund, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, Hoover Family Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation, Lilly Endowment, Inc., Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, JP Morgan Chase Foundation, and the Lumina Foundation for Education.

Indy Parks & Recreation received Summer Youth Program Fund grants this year to support a portion of its summer youth programs. Indy Parks has been awarded a total of \$48,600 in grants from Lilly Endowment, Inc., The Indianapolis Foundation, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, Lumina Foundation for Education, and The Clowes Fund. Indy Parks programs benefiting from the grant funds include lifeguard training, Camp GATHER, Indy Youth Achievers, Every Day Art and Summer Play Everyday.

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